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Jim:

Re the enclosed letter from Dr. Sproull:

1. Since receipt of the letter, the consent forms have been worked out by phone with Don Hess, a former AEC employee now on Dr. Sproull's staff, and Steve Greenleigh.
2. Mr. Hess said that the press response issue discussed by Dr. Sproull in the last paragraph is no problem.
3. When Dr. Orbison receives a report from the University of Rochester Committee on Human Experimentation relative to Dr. Taylor's patient, he will communicate the findings to us.
4. Dr. Waterhouse will provide disclosure to her patients as soon as she receives instructions to proceed from the University.

Sid

Enclosure:
Letter

Thanks
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Dr. Robert L. Sproull
President
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Rochester, New York 14627

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter of June 10. Drs. Burr and Marks were very pleased with the progress made at the meeting, which you kindly arranged on May 23, 1974.

Your disposition of the matter of disclosure to the patients sounds most appropriate. The involvement of the human use committee is certainly desirable, especially in the case of Dr. Taylor's patient.

Drafts of the release form segmented into three parts are enclosed. Our Counsel will look forward to hearing from your legal staff as soon as your Counsel has had the opportunity to respond. They should feel free to contact directly Mr. Stephen H. Greenleigh of our Office of the General Counsel at 301-973-3121.

The Commission has decided to refer to the human use committee and the laboratory administration of Argonne National Laboratory the decision of whether or not to proceed with an exhumation program. We have been assured that personnel conducting the study will not participate in the decision. With Dr. Orbison's permission, we have made available to the Argonne Administration a copy of your letter of June 10, 1974, as the best means of conveying your thoughts.

We have forwarded to Dr. Orbison the comprehensive article on this subject by Dr. Patricia Durbin from the monograph, "Radiobiology of Plutonium," as well as relevant excerpts from other articles in the same volume. In addition, we have forwarded excerpted portions of staff documents that will be of value in preparing a press release.

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Dr. Robert L. Sproull

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As Dr. Marks explained to Dr. Orbison on June 20, Commission policy prevents the outside dissemination and review of official press releases; however, discussion of material that is likely to be included in a release is an acceptable alternative. The current thinking here is that there will not be an advance release but rather a prepared response in the event that questions are asked about this issue.

I thank you for your cooperation and look forward to continued communication regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
James L. Liverman

James L. Liverman, Director
Division of Biomedical and
Environmental Research

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